

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on September 1, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 14, and 21 are amended, claims 3, 7 and 13 have been canceled; as a result, claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-12 and 14-21 are now pending in this application.

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to clarify that filter media disposed in the second chamber is retained by a porous cover. Support for these amendments is found, for example, at page 8, lines 18 to 19 of the application as filed.

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failing to show an "outlet port" as used in claim 14. Applicant has amended claim 14 to remove the term "outlet port", and therefore believe this objection to be no longer proper.

Claims 14-16 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC ' 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for a lack of antecedent basis in the terms "the outlet port" and "filter media".

Applicant believes these rejections are no longer proper in view of the claim amendments to remove "the outlet port" from claim 14 and to include "filter media" in claim 17, thereby providing antecedent support for its use in claim 21.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-12, and 14-16 were rejected under 35 USC' 112, first and second paragraphs, as not being fully described. Applicant has amended the claims to clarify that adsorbent media is required in the first chamber and filter media is required in the second chamber.

'103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 17-21 were rejected under 35 USC ' 103(a) as being unpatentable over Voights (U.S. 6,266,208). Voights fails to teach or make obvious a method for protecting an electronic device from contaminants, the method comprising positioning a filter construction inside an electronic device housing, the filter construction comprising a housing comprising a base, a top, and at least one sidewall extending from the base to the top, the housing defining a first chamber and a second chamber separate from the first chamber, a the housing also defining an inlet port for the second chamber, the inlet port located in the base of the housing; adsorbent media disposed within the first chamber of the housing; and filter media disposed within the second

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chamber of the housing; removing contaminants using the filter media and adsorbent media; wherein the filter media disposed in the second chamber is retained by a porous cover. Therefore, Applicant believes this rejection to be misplaced.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612-746-4783) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3688

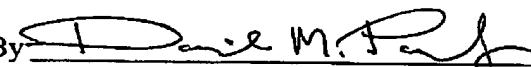
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